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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Weymouth, for the year ending with March 8th, 1858, submit the following Report:—

The amount of money raised, and one-fourth of which was placed at the disposal of the Selectmen, was thirty-six hundred thirty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents, for highway purposes. As much of it as in our opinion was necessary for repairs of the highways, has been expended as appears in the annexed schedule. We let at public auction in four sections the work in the widening on Middle Street, which work has been performed and paid for, as per schedule.

The surveyors of highways worked out a portion of the money appropriated, early in the spring, we think with more benefit to the roads than if it had been deferred until midsummer. In one instance a surveyor expended without direction nearly three times the amount appropriated by the town for his district, and the question arises, can a surveyor as a town officer, hire men to any extent and bind the town to pay them. If so, then the surveyors individually can cause the people to be taxed at their discretion. In the above stated case the board drew an order for as much as in their judgment ought to be allowed to that district soon after the work was done, and the balance remained unpaid until near winter, when an order was drawn for it, as the persons who performed the work would hold the town responsible. It is certainly unjust that persons rendering valuable service to the town should go unpaid because the town officers exceed their trust.

There are probably about forty-five miles of public roads in town, on which are expended for repairs about thirty-six hundred dollars, or eighty dollars per mile, and twenty-five cents per rod.

It appears to be the opinion of some people that the Prudential School Committee have also power to bind the town to pay any

contract they may make with teachers, even when it exceeds the amount of money appropriated for their district's use. If it be that they can so bind the town, it ought to be so understood. One Prudential Committee has, through a mistake, expended more by thirty-six dollars, than the amount appropriated, and asks to have it drawn for and deducted from the appropriation for the ensuing year. We are of opinion that it cannot properly be done without a vote of the town authorizing such act.

The Guide Boards in the town are all in proper order, as required by law, with one exception, on the corner of Elm and Pleasant Streets. A board is needed there, and one is already procured and ready for painting.

In regard to encroachments on the highways, we have no knowledge that any have been made the last year. A portion of Water Street that hitherto has not been fenced, was found to be very narrow and inconvenient, and on due consideration we thought it best and cheapest to purchase a widening of the same, as it could then be done on better conditions than if deferred. We paid the owner forty dollars for the widening, and took a public dedication of the same forever for the public use.

We have settled with the liquor agents, Mr. N. Thayer and Mr. A. S. White. Mr. Thayer was the first agent appointed, and he sold for twenty per cent. profit, which was too low to pay expenses, and there was a loss to the town of fifty-nine dollars and seven cents on the whole business. We called on Mr. Sherman and he stated that he had settled with a member of a former board. He received of the town liquor from Thayer amounting to two hundred fifty-nine dollars and eighty cents. He returned to Mr. White, stock on hand, when he gave up the agency, ninety-five dollars and sixty-one cents, and paid the treasurer on highway bill at one time seventy-five dollars and forty-nine cents, which he says was the balance due. Mr. White received of Mr. Thayer one hundred twenty-eight dollars and seven cents when he first took the agency, and paid Mr. Thayer thirty-five dollars in money; he has now, net stock on hand, one hundred fourteen dollars and ninety cents; net profit to the town, twenty-nine dollars and nine cents. Mr. White is now the only agent of the town under the law, and sells for thirty per cent. profit, which just about pays expenses, and the loss was owing, in Thayer's case, to the low price at which the liquor was sold, being ten per cent. less than now charged on the cost of the liquor.

SCHEDULE

OF

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 8, 1858.

RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER,

From March 9, 1857, to March 8, 1858.

Received Town, County and State taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	\$26,894 96
State School Fund,	.	.	.	.	.	283 90
for use of Town Hall,	.	.	.	.	.	34 00
from State, to refund money paid Weymouth Band,						153 00
from Alvah Raymond, for State paupers,	.	.	.	.	.	57 86
from Alvah Raymond, town of Quincy,	.	.	.	.	.	26 50
from Alvah Raymond, town of Middleborough,	.	.	.	.	.	61 44
from H. A. Torrey, town of Abington,	.	.	.	.	.	4 90
from School District No. 1, for assessing taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	6 50
“ “ 2, “ “ “	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
“ “ 4, “ “ “	.	.	.	.	.	6 50
“ “ 7, “ “ “	.	.	.	.	.	6 50
“ “ 9, “ “ “	.	.	.	.	.	9 50
“ “ 10, “ “ “	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
“ “ 11, “ “ “	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
						\$27,559 56

The Expenditures are as follows, viz.:—

SCHOOLS.

The town grant for the support of Common Schools was	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,500 00
The income of the Alewife Fund was	.	.	.	.	.	252 00
The town's portion of the State School Fund was	.	.	.	.	.	283 90
						\$6,035 90
The town appropriation for the High School was	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
						\$7,035 90
Whole amount for Schools,	.	.	.	.	.	\$7,035 90

The town voted to divide one-fourth of the Common School money equally among the districts, and the remaining three-fourths according to the number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, in each district.

Whole amount for Schools, including the High School, when divided by the number of children between five and fifteen years of age, was, to each, \$5 07 $\frac{1}{4}$

Dist. No. 1 had 141 children, and its share of money was	. \$597 40
2 " 65 " " " " "	. 349 40
3 " 244 " " " " "	. 933 50
4 " 104 " " " " "	. 476 60
5 " 113 " " " " "	. 506 00
6 " 107 " " " " "	. 486 40
7 " 113 " " " " "	. 506 00
8 " 140 " " " " "	. 594 10
9 " 232 " " " " "	. 894 30
10 " 75 " " " " "	. 382 00
11 " 53 " " " " "	. 310 20

Totals, . 1,387 \$6,035 90

The accounts of the Districts at the close of the schools for the past year, stand as follows, viz. :—

DISTRICT No. 1.—CORNELIUS PRATT, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	. . . . . \$104 07
Appropriation for 1857-8,	. . . . . 597 40
	<hr/> \$701 47
Paid Emily R. Bicknell, teacher,	. . . . . \$120 00
Cornelius Pratt, for fuel,	. . . . . 75 87
J. Frances Vining, teacher,	. . . . . 144 00
Nancy A. Tirrell, teacher,	. . . . . 67 50
J. Frances Vining, teacher,	. . . . . 112 50
Sarah E. Loud, teacher,	. . . . . 52 50
Balance due the District,	. . . . . 129 10
	<hr/> \$701 47

DISTRICT No. 2.—ELNATHAN BATES, JR., *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	. . . . . \$309 74
Appropriation for 1857-8,	. . . . . 349 40
	<hr/> \$659 14
Paid Eliza French, teacher,	. . . . . \$154 50
C. H. Brown, teacher,	. . . . . 152 75
Elnathan Bates, Jr., for fuel,	. . . . . 36 49
Balance due the District,	. . . . . 315 40
	<hr/> 659 14

DISTRICT No. 3.—AMOS TIRRELL, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$340 01	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	933 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,273 51
Paid Abby L. Bates, teacher,	\$44 00	
L. A. Richards, teacher,	85 25	
Margaret H. Vining, teacher,	74 25	
Mary C. Cowing, teacher,	85 50	
Amos Tirrell, for fuel,	89 13	
James O. Scripture, teacher,	287 50	
Susan J. F. Pratt, teacher,	126 50	
Mary C. Cowing, teacher,	115 00	
Amos Tirrell, making fires,	8 14	
Balance due the District,	358 24	
	<hr/>	1,273 51

DISTRICT No. 4.—ELBRIDGE G. HUNT, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$25 05	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	476 60	
	<hr/>	\$501 65
Paid Miss A. M. Webster, teacher,	\$77 00	
Elbridge G. Hunt, for fuel,	14 00	
Miss L. A. Harlow, teacher,	143 40	
Miss A. M. Webster, teacher,	59 95	
Miss L. A. H. Butler, teacher,	79 20	
Miss A. M. Webster, teacher,	72 00	
Balance due the District,	56 10	
	<hr/>	501 65

DISTRICT No. 5.—B. F. LOCKE, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$129 00	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	506 00	
	<hr/>	\$635 00
Paid Mary R. Parrott, teacher,	\$130 00	
Miss L. F. Reed, teacher,	141 82	
Lorin Farr, teacher,	14 00	
Miss E. G. Parrott, teacher,	44 00	
Miss M. A. Hatch, teacher,	75 63	
B. F. Locke, for fuel,	44 58	
Balance due the District,	184 97	
	<hr/>	635 00

DISTRICT No. 6.—JOHN SHAW, JR., *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$1 23	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	486 40	
	<hr/>	\$487 63

Paid John Shaw, Jr., for fuel,	\$43 75	
Susan M. Magoun, teacher,	143 00	
Elizabeth White, teacher,	135 00	
Elbridge Torrey, teacher,	148 50	
Elizabeth White, teacher,	17 38	
	<hr/>	\$487 63
C. D. Pratt from Pratt fund,	\$33 27	
Miss Elizabeth White from Pratt fund,	42 62	
	<hr/>	75 89

DISTRICT No. 7.—*SOLON A. VINING, Prudential Committee.*

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$50 74	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	506 00	
	<hr/>	\$556 74
Paid Miss H. A. Fuller, teacher,	\$20 00	
Miss J. Lane, teacher,	120 00	
Ezra Reed, for fuel,	25 00	
Solon A. Vining, for fuel,	6 00	
Miss B. M. Holbrook, teacher,	100 00	
Henry F. Woodman, teacher,	135 00	
Miss B. M. Holbrook, teacher,	63 00	
Balance due the District,	87 74	
	<hr/>	556 74

DISTRICT No. 8.—*ERI T. JOY, Prudential Committee.*

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$311 73	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	594 10	
	<hr/>	\$905 83
Paid Joseph Dyer, for fuel,	\$4 25	
Miss M. J. Blanchard, teacher,	31 50	
Susan M. Torrey, teacher,	100 00	
H. A. Fuller, teacher,	60 00	
H. Cloud, teacher,	110 00	
L. E. Noyes, teacher,	184 00	
Eri T. Joy, for fuel,	32 80	
Joseph Dyer, for fuel,	6 87	
Miss L. A. Paddock, teacher,	88 00	
Susan M. Torrey, teacher,	96 00	
L. E. Noyes, omitted 1855,	120 00	
Miss H. Sprague, omitted 1855,	54 00	
Alvan Hollis, for making fires,	2 40	
Balance due the District,	16 01	
	<hr/>	905 83

DISTRICT No. 9.—ROSCIUS R. WALKER, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$11 57	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	894 30	
Balance due from the District,*	34 63	
	<hr/>	\$940 50
Paid T. C. Pratt, teacher,	\$183 32	
Miss E. A. Allison, teacher,	70 00	
Miss L. L. Trufant, teacher,	77 00	
T. C. Pratt, teacher,	183 34	
Lydia C. Trufant, teacher,	77 00	
Mary A. Rugg, teacher,	58 50	
Sarah H. Rugg, teacher,	58 50	
Lydia C. Trufant, teacher,	49 50	
T. C. Pratt, teacher,	183 34	
	<hr/>	940 50

DISTRICT No. 10.—F. B. PRATT, *Prudential Committee*.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$27 07	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	382 00	
	<hr/>	\$409 07
Paid Miss E. G. Parrott, teacher,	\$132 00	
J. H. Clark, teacher,	142 50	
Lydia A. Tirrell, teacher,	48 00	
F. B. Pratt, for fuel,	29 35	
Balance due the District,	57 22	
	<hr/>	409 07

DISTRICT No. 11.—G. NELSON BLANCHARD, *Prudential Committee*.

Appropriation for 1857-8,		\$310 20
Paid Miss C. Ford, teacher,	\$55 00	
Ezra Reed, for fuel,	5 50	
G. N. Blanchard, for fuel,	16 50	
Miss S. H. Rugg, teacher,	77 00	
Benjamin Wormell, teacher,	105 00	
Balance due the District,	51 20	
	<hr/>	310 20

HIGH SCHOOL.

Balance due April 1, 1857,	\$75 65	
Appropriation for 1857-8,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,075 65
Paid William K. Fletcher, teacher,	\$198 85	
Francis Tirrell, care of the room,	16 50	

*This amount was paid by vote of the town, March 8, 1858.

Paid William K. Fletcher, teacher,	\$238 63
William K. Fletcher, incidental expenses,	11 25
William K. Fletcher, teacher,	218 75
Bicknell & White, removing seats, 1855,	20 65
James P. Terry, stationery,	61
William K. Fletcher, teacher,	243 75
Francis Tirrell, care of room,	30 80
Expense of coal,	36 15
Thomas Austin, painting blackboard, 1856,	3 00
Balance due,	56 71
	<u>\$1,075 65</u>

Balance due Districts and High School at the close of last year,	\$1,211 86
. Appropriation for 1857-8,	7,035 90
	<u>\$8,247 76</u>

Expense of District Schools for the present year,	\$6,026 65
Balance due the Districts at the close of the schools,	1,255 98
Expense of the High School,	1,018 94
Balance due High School,	56 71
	<u>\$8,358 28</u>

Deduct amount drawn from Pratt fund by Sixth District,	\$75 89
Overdrawn by Ninth District,	34 63
	<u>110 52</u>
	<u>\$8,247 76</u>

HIGHWAYS, TOWNWAYS, AND BRIDGES.

At the annual meeting, held March 9, 1857, the town voted to assess a tax of thirty cents on each poll, and on property in due proportion, for the repairs of highways, &c., and that three-fourths of the same be divided among the districts; the remaining one-fourth to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

The amount appropriated to the Districts, was	\$2,728 90
The amount to be expended under the direction of the Select- men, was	909 63
Total amount of tax,	<u>\$3,638 53</u>

The amount expended under the direction of the Selectmen has been as follows, viz. :—

In the District under the care of	Edward Sinclair,	. \$23 17	
	Silvanus Bates,*	. 447 73	
	Alvah Raymond, Jr.	31 35	
	J. R. H. Williams,	. 34 25	
	William Cooledge,	. 26 65	
	Samuel Richards,	. 10 00	
	Joseph Orcutt,	. 66 68	
	Reuben Loud,	. 17 99	
	Joseph Hawes,	. 2 13	
	John Shaw, Jr.,	. 56 65	
	Ezra Pratt,	. 19 88	
	Ezra Reed, Jr.,	. 26 46	
	John S. Barrett,	. 80 21	
	Quincy Pool,	. 9 72	
	Sanford Hollis,	. 21 73	
	Martin Derby,	. 25 10	
		<hr/>	\$899 70

Expense of removing Snow.

Paid Solomon Lovell, District No. 1,	. . .	\$4 00	
David Lovell, 2d,	" 2, . . .	4 80	
James Humphrey,	" 3, . . .	3 10	
Edward Sinclair,	" 4, . . .	3 65	
Silvanus Bates,	" 5, . . .	4 90	
Alvah Raymond, Jr.,	" 6, . . .	35 50	
J. R. H. Williams,	" 7, . . .	20 35	
William Cooledge,	" 8, . . .	12 45	
Samuel Richards,	" 11, . . .	3 00	
Joseph Orcutt,	" 12, . . .	1 50	
Reuben Loud, Jr.	" 13, . . .	1 20	
Joseph Hawes,	" 14, . . .	2 67	
John Shaw, Jr.,	" 15, . . .	23 75	
Ezra Pratt, Jr.,	" 16, . . .	4 00	
		<hr/>	\$124 87

* There was paid out of the tax and amount appropriated to this District—

To Spear & Holbrook, labor at Pound Hill,	. . . . .	\$135 00
John Tirrell, labor near his house,	. . . . .	40 00
John Shaw, Jr., labor near F. B. Bates',	157 00
David Pratt, Jr., labor near S. Emery's,	124 80
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		\$456 80

*Expended on Middle Street, in addition to amount appropriated
from Highway Money.*

Paid T. C. & A. Humphrey, for gravel,	\$13 46	
Pratt & Vining, stone for bridge, near Thomas Humphrey's,	10 60	
Silvanus Bates, removing rocks near Joshua Holbrook's,	18 82	
David Pratt, building cartway at Pound Hill,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$46 88

Rebuilding Bridge on the new street at East Weymouth.

Paid Weymouth Iron Company for labor and stone,	\$63 98	
Loud & Rhines, for lumber,	25 46	
A. Raymond, Jr., for labor,	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$115 44

Building Wall at Burying Hill.

Paid estate of Lemuel Humphrey, for labor,	\$7 00	
Silvanus Bates, for labor,	10 25	
James Humphrey, cash paid for labor,	2 62	
	<hr/>	\$19 87

For Land to widen and straighten Streets.

Paid G. W. Huntress, interest on land damage,	\$1 50	
Stephen Emery, land on Middle Street,	50 00	
Jacob Bates, land on Middle Street,	14 00	
David Pratt, Jr., land on Middle Street,	26 00	
T. C. & A. Humphrey, land on Middle Street,	40 00	
Humphrey & Washburn, land on Middle Street,	1 50	
Rev. Lemuel Harlow, land on Water Street,	40 00	
Richard Halnan, land on Water Street,	1 50	
Dr. Noah Fifield, land on Summer Street,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$214 50

Damage sustained on the Highway.

Paid Wm. E. Humphrey, damage on North Street,	\$3 50
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Summary of Expense on Roads.

Highway tax,	\$3,638 53	
Additional appropriations,	182 19	
Land to widen and straighten streets,	214 50	
Damage sustained on highway,	3 50	
Removing snow,	124 87	
	<hr/>	\$4,163 59

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES OF THE TOWN-HOUSE.

Paid Joseph Loud & Co., for coal,	\$6 50	
William G. Nash, oil, &c.,	24 29	
Thomas Nash, wood,	3 13	
Henry Loud, lamps, oil, &c.,	12 98	
J. C. Ford, drawers for safe,	4 00	
Thomas Austin, setting glass,	2 12	
Francis Tirrell, care of house,	16 87	
William G. Nash, wicks,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$70 89

EXPENSE FOR THE SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen.

Noah Vining, Jr., for services and expenses, . .	\$58 32	
James Humphrey, " " . .	47 35	
Z. L. Bicknell, " " . .	47 00	
	<hr/>	\$152 67

Assessors.

F. B. Bates, for services and expenses, . .	\$97 50	
E. G. Hunt, " " . .	113 48	
Henry A. Torrey, " " . .	75 63	
	<hr/>	\$286 61

Overseers of the Poor.

Alvah Raymond, for services and expenses, . .	\$60 04	
Lemuel Torrey, " " . .	15 35	
Henry A. Torrey, " " . .	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 39

Treasurer.

Gilman Burrell, for services and expenses,	\$57 00	
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Clerk.

Richard Blanchard, for services and expenses,	\$35 92	
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Constables.

George W. White, Jr., for services and expenses, .	\$20 70	
J. N. Bates, " " . .	29 30	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

Collector.

Cotton Bates, for collecting taxes,	\$268 95	
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School Committee.

John W. Loud, for services,	\$57 10
Atherton N. Hunt,	"	32 00
Appleton Howe,	"	46 00
Noah Vining, Jr.,	"	.	.	.	.	56 05
James Humphrey,	"	.	.	.	.	15 75
J. P. Terry,	"	.	.	.	.	38 99
E. S. Potter,	"	.	.	.	.	45 75
						<hr/> \$291 61
Total expense of town officers,	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,233 18

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Cotton Bates remittance of James Phillips & Son's tax,	.	.	.	.	.	\$9 24
E. S. Beals, preparing schedules,	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Martin Derby, distributing schedules,	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Jacob Tirrell,	"	"	.	.	.	6 00
John Tirrell, board of assessors,	.	.	.	.	.	94 50
John Tirrell, board of School Committee,	.	.	.	.	.	3 85
A. McDonald,	"	"	"	.	.	2 50
T. Groom & Co., Assessors' books,	.	.	.	.	.	21 50
Cotton Bates, discount on taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	699 87
Martin Derby, distributing Laws and Resolves,	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Jacob Tirrell,	"	"	"	.	.	6 00
Pratt & Vining, posts for pound,	.	.	.	.	.	9 25
William White, printing Schedules, &c.,	.	.	.	.	.	188 66
Henry Loud, for stationery,	.	.	.	.	.	6 29
James Humphrey, costs and service in suit of Thos. Pray,	.	.	.	.	.	55 99
Weymouth Band, to be refunded by State,	.	.	.	.	.	153 00
Henry A. Torrey, for surveying,	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
Henry A. Torrey, examining Treasurer's accounts,	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Albert Humphrey,	"	"	"	.	.	2 00
Silas Binney,	"	"	"	.	.	2 00
John G. Rogers, selling school books,	.	.	.	.	.	19 20
Henry Loud,	"	"	.	.	.	11 80
William G. Nash,	"	"	.	.	.	5 22
Amos S. White,	"	"	four years,	.	.	65 74
Amos S. White, books delivered	"	.	.	.	.	15 06
John W. Loud, printing for School Committee,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Richard Blanchard, for recording births, marriages and deaths,	.	.	.	.	.	116 35

Edwin Pratt, distributing envelopes,	\$1 50
Cotton Bates, for remittances,	280 00
County Treasurer, County tax,	2,183 81
State Treasurer, State tax,	2,817 00
Weymouth & Brain. Bank, interest on borrowed money,	138 12
Henry A. Torrey, interest,	60 00
Ebenezer Humphrey, interest,	210 00
John A. E. Loud, expressman,	1 25
William Stoddard, distributing envelopes,	1 50
Francis Tirrell, board of School Committee,	3 50
P. Loud, on suit of J. L. Bates vs. 8th School District,	11 00
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	\$7,235 70

OLD BILLS NOT PREVIOUSLY PAID.

Paid E. D. Raymond, for gravel in 1856,	\$5 00
Ludo Hawes, " "	1 00
Samuel Hawes, labor on highway in 1856,	4 00
G. W. Vining, removing snow,	1 25
A. S. Howe, " "	80
Jason Farrington, " "	1 60
L. S. Merritt, " "	6 24
Benjamin D. Vining, damage on highway,	5 10
J. B. Howe, damage on highway,	6 00
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	\$30 99

RECAPITULATION.

Received from all sources,	\$27,559 56
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Expenditures.

On account of Schools,	\$7,045 59
Roads,	4,163 59
Town-House,	70 89
Town Officers,	1,233 18
Miscellaneous,	7,235 70
Old Bills,	30 99
Town's Poor,	2,650 83
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	\$22,430 77
Amount of Receipts over Expenditures,	<hr/>
	\$5,128 79

We find, from an examination of the Treasurer's books, that the town	
owed, after paying all bills on the schedule, for the year ending	
March 9, 1857,	\$10,556 41
Amount paid this year, as per schedule,	22,430 77
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	\$32,987 18
From which deduct the receipts for this year,	27,559 56
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Leaving a balance against the town of	\$5,427 62
In addition to this, there will be due for land for the widening	
and straightening of streets, when the walls, fences, &c.,	
shall be removed, about	\$325 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NOAH VINING, JR.,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
JAMES HUMPHREY,	
Z. L. BICKNELL,	
	<i>Weymouth.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Weymouth, for the year last past, respectfully ask leave to make the following Report, the account of which includes the time from the first day of February, 1857, to the first day of February, 1858 :—

The number of paupers residing in the almshouse at the commencement of the year aforesaid, was twenty-eight; whole number during the year, thirty-seven; the average was about thirty-one and three-fourths, and the number at the end of the year twenty-seven, being one less than at the beginning; of whom twelve were minors.

The amount charged by the Overseers, for their services, postage, stationery, travelling expenses, &c., has been ninety dollars and thirty-nine cents, \$90.39.

Having deemed it necessary, we have caused a new oven to be built and a boiler inserted, at a cost of \$30.84.

The whole sum drawn from the treasury for the support of the poor in the house, including the salary of the superintendent, has been fifteen hundred and twenty-nine dollars and eighty cents; we have allowed the town for rent of the farm, three hundred dollars, and have reduced the inventory one hundred and sixty-four dollars and three cents, making the whole cost of the poor in the house one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three dollars and eighty-three cents.

The expense of each pauper per week has been one dollar sixty-nine cents and about four mills. There has been one death at the

house the past year, viz: James Richards, who died December 13th, 1857, aged 78 years.

The expense for support of the poor out of the house amounts to nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars, the total for the year being two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars and eighty-three cents, being twenty-three dollars and twenty-five cents less than the cost of last year, showing that the hard times complained of the past year has not affected this town so far as any increase of the expense of the poor is concerned.

Expense for support of the Poor in the Almshouse, from February 1st, 1857, to February 1st, 1858.

DR.	
Inventory of February 1st, 1857,	\$1,757 99
Rent of Town Farm,	300 00
Orders to Mr. Litchfield,	1,600 00
	<hr/> \$3,657 99
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Inventory of February, 1858,	\$1,593 96
Due Bill of Mr. J. Litchfield,	39 36
Building new Oven and setting Boiler,	30 84
	<hr/> \$1,664 16
Balance for support of poor,	1,993 83
	<hr/> \$3,657 99

Account of Goods, &c., bought and Bills paid, 1857-8, by the Superintendent.

Paid Joseph Loud & Co., for grain, flour and coal,	\$428 98
Henry Loud, for goods,	295 60
Samuel Curtis, for goods,	110 23
Martin Hall & Co., for goods,	74 83
Ballou & Hibbard, for goods,	69 65
Reuben Lowell, for meat,	53 91
Simeon Whitman, for meat,	45 42
Charles H. Mansfield, for fish,	7 37
Sherman & Tirrell, for goods bought at auction,	9 90
Jackman & Goodhue, for dry goods,	111 18
E. B. Dwelly, for swine,	12 00
Samuel Reed, for smith work,	11 21
Blake & Barnard, for seeds and farming tools,	20 92
John O. Foye, for pump, tools, &c.,	7 05

Paid Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, for medical attendance,	\$16 50
South Boston Iron Company, for oven doors, &c.,	6 27
B. H. Everett, for mason work,	13 30
Tilly Willis, for wheelwright work and coffin,	9 80
H. W. Sinclair, for tin ware,	9 10
Bock Fredman, for clothing,	20 25
Stetson & Bowditch, for brick,	9 00
Loud & Rhines, for lumber and nails,	10 95
Albert Humphrey, for leather,	17 19
L. M. Ross, for labor,	28 87
David Lovell, 2d, for ploughing,	9 25
William T. Burrell, for glass, paint, &c.,	2 53
Amos S. White, for medicine,	1 62
Charles Humphrey, for standing grass,	12 99
Asa B. Wales, for curing hams,	50
Josiah Litchfield, for seed potatoes,	2 50
for iron pans,	5 00
for fresh fish,	1 98
Lovell Bicknell, for alewives,	5 00
D. Cohan, for calf and cutting wood,	4 00
D. Cohan, for labor,	19 37
Err Cushing, a gratuity,	4 00
Mary Thayer, a gratuity,	1 00
Josiah Litchfield, for fire board,	2 00
for freight upon goods,	2 00
for three barrels apples,	7 42
for one burial robe,	1 00
Mr. Simmons, for pine and hard wood,	20 00
Lewis Beals, for pasture,	1 75
James White, for necessaries,	3 75
Lucinda Leavitt, for fifty-two weeks' labor,	52 00
Lemuel French, for use of rolling machine,	30
Solomon Lovell, for ice,	6 88
Josiah Litchfield, for sand,	50
for vest,	1 00
Superintendent, his salary one year,	200 00
Joseph B. Howe & Co., for bread,	27 54
Noah Vining, for standing wood,	45 50
for buffalo robe for F. J. Hayden,	3 00
Josiah Litchfield, for wearing apparel for R. Pratt,	8 50
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	\$1,852 36
Note from Mr. Litchfield to balance,	39 36
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	\$1,891 72

Josiah Litchfield, Superintendent, to the Town of Weymouth,

1858.	DR.		
Feb.	To orders on the Treasurer,	.	\$1,600 00
	To amount received for produce,	.	291 72
			<hr/> \$1,891 72
1858.	CR.		
Feb.	By bills of goods by him bought,	.	\$1,652 36
	By his salary,	.	200 00
	By his note to balance,	.	39 36
			<hr/> \$1,891 72

Amount received for Produce, Stock, Labor &c., by Mr. Litchfield.

Of Reuben Lowell, for calves' hides, &c.,	.	.	.	.	\$41 00
James Thomas, for calves' hides, &c.,	.	.	.	.	10 00
Samuel Curtis, for produce,	.	.	.	.	41 96
Henry Loud, for green corn,	.	.	.	.	75
Elias Raymond, for hay chopper,	.	.	.	.	1 00
Alva Raymond, for hay, wagon, and produce,	.	.	.	.	7 50
Dr. N. Q. Tirrell, for hay,	.	.	.	.	22 13
H. F. Bicknell, for one cow,	.	.	.	.	60 00
Edwin Pratt, for shoemaking,	.	.	.	.	43 00
Josiah E. Rice, for carrots,	.	.	.	.	9 50
J. B. Howe & Co., for carrots,	.	.	.	.	20 72
Davis Randall, for carrots,	.	.	.	.	6 72
Alfred Tirrell, for carrots,	.	.	.	.	9 47
James Tirrell, for carrots,	.	.	.	.	8 97
Lewis Beals, for pine wood,	.	.	.	.	3 00
John Tirrell, for hay,	.	.	.	.	2 00
David Lovell, for labor,	.	.	.	.	4 00
					<hr/> \$291 72

Support of the Poor out of the House.

Paid City of New Bedford, for Martha Flint and family,	.	\$1 75
Betsey Jeffers,	.	3 75
Town of Braintree, wood delivered to widow of William Pratt,	.	15 00
Town of Stoughton, for support of wife and child of Edward Howland,	.	20 75
Dr. Choate, for Sally A. Carroll, at State Lun. Hospital,	.	45 00
Henry C. Bates, at State Lun. Hospital,	.	38 89
Nabby Adlington, at State Lun. Hospital,	.	54 01

Paid overseers' orders for widow of Ephraim Pratt, . . .	\$26 00
support of widow Mary Bates, . . .	26 00
support of widow Silvanus Holbrook, . . .	23 50
support of Ebenezer Pool and daughter,	68 25
Mary Davis, for care of Lois Nash in last sickness, . . .	8 00
Samuel Curtis, for assistance rendered Lois Nash, . . .	33 44
Ezra Bicknell and family,	39 75
widow of Quincy Hunt and family, . . .	30 50
Elisha Pratt, for goods delivered William C. Tirrell, . . .	11 11
Joseph Loud & Co., for coal delivered Isaac L. Binney, . .	3 25
Samuel Curtis, for assistance rendered Isaac L. Binney, . .	11 00
Joseph Loud & Co., for coal delivered Mrs. Wm. Little, . .	3 25
Samuel Curtis, for goods delivered Mrs. William Little, . .	3 00
Joseph Loud & Co., for coal delivered James Nash, . . .	4 25
Charles E. Hunt, for assistance to James Nash,	5 25
Joseph Loud & Co., for coal delivered Mrs. S. Harding, . .	13 63
Samuel Curtis, for goods delivered Mrs. Sally Harding, . .	4 00
Amos S. White, for medicine delivered James Hayes, (old bill,)	21 98
Dr. J. P. Hodgdon, for medical attendance upon the wife of J. A. Dailey,	5 00
Adams & Hersey, for coal delivered Otis Blanchard, . . .	21 50
Samuel Curtis, for assistance rendered Mrs. Mahar, . . .	2 40
assistance rendered Mrs. Foley,	2 00
Mrs. Damon, for nursing a child, and conveying the same to the State Almshouse,	5 00
John W. Thomas, Esq., for support of David Binney in the House of Correction,	29 47
Dr. John H. Gilbert, for medical attendance upon John Caton,	14 50
Henry Loud, necessities delivered John Caton,	5 00
Thomas Pray, for support of Agnes Dyer,	36 00
Adams & Hersey, for coal delivered Benjamin Dyer's family,	13 50
Elisha Pratt, for goods delivered Benjamin Dyer's family, . .	69 20
Deacon Elnathan Bates, for support of Esther Bates at hospital,	91 00
Elisha Pratt, for goods delivered Mrs. Charles Perrigo, . .	69 62
Isaac R. Jackson, for assistance rendered the family of Mrs. McPherson,	52 00
E. G. Andrews, for care and attention upon a foreigner while sick,	25 00
Drs. Fifield, for medical attendance on Mrs. Hallowell, . .	50
Cost of supporting the poor out of the House,	<hr/> \$957 00

RECAPITULATION.

Cost of supporting the poor out of the house,	\$957 00
Cost of supporting the poor in the house,	1,993 83
Total,	\$2,950 83
Deduct for use of the town farm,	300 00
	\$2,650 83

Paupers in the Almshouse from Feb. 1, 1857, to Feb. 1, 1858.

Date.	Names.	Age.	Discharged.	Died.	Weeks	Days.
1857.						
Feb. 1,	Betsey Overy,	75	-	-	52	-
1,	Deborah Pratt,	60	-	-	52	-
1,	Elizabeth Tirrell,	38	-	-	52	-
1,	Rosamond Pratt,	20	Dec. 12, 1857,	-	45	-
1,	Mary F. Rosey,	23	-	-	52	-
1,	Angeline Rosey,	6	-	-	52	-
1,	Henry W. Rosey,	5	-	-	52	-
1,	Alexander Rosey,	31	-	-	52	-
1,	Louisa Dyer,	34	March 18, 1857,	-	6	4
1,	Louisa A. Dyer,	12	"	-	6	4
1,	Harriet W. Dyer,	11	"	-	6	4
1,	Susan J. Dyer,	7	"	-	6	4
1,	Elmira Dyer,	5	"	-	6	4
1,	Desire C. Dyer,	3	"	-	6	4
1,	Sally A. Richards,	23	-	-	52	-
1,	Joseph W. Richards,	4	-	-	52	-
1,	Anna F. D. Richards,	2	-	-	52	-
1,	Mary Thayer,	34	-	-	52	-
1,	Sarah A. Thayer,	8	-	-	52	-
1,	Hiram Thayer,	11	-	-	52	-
1,	Mary Hallowell,	78	March 25, 1857,	-	7	4
1,	Jeremiah Stetson,	79	Different times,	-	13	-
1,	James Richards,	78	-	Dec. 13, 1857,	45	-
1,	Err Cushing,	73	-	-	52	-
1,	Samuel Badlam,	53	-	-	52	-
1,	Edmond Tirrell,	41	-	-	52	-
1,	Flavius J. Hayden,	26	-	-	52	-
1,	David Bates,	16	-	-	52	-
June 4,	Julia A. Thayer,	8	-	-	34	3
Oct. 20,	Benj. Torrey,	60	-	-	13	2
Nov. 25,	Charles Thayer,	12	-	-	9	4
Dec. 9,	Polly Torrey,	62	-	-	7	4
24,	Thomas Greene,	57	-	-	5	3
28,	Mary Binney,	28	-	-	5	-
28,	Catherine Binney,	4	-	-	5	-
28,	Mary F. Binney,	2	-	-	5	-
28,	James Binney,	4 mos.	-	-	5	-
	Strangers at differ't times,	-	-	-	-	5

*Inventory of Stock, Wood, Hay, Coal, Provisions, Farming Implements, &c.,
February, 1858.*

5 Cows,	\$200 00	3 Ladders,	\$1 00
2 Steers, 2 years old,	40 00	1 Lantern,	75
2 Heifers, 1 year old,	20 00	Saddle and Bridle,	1 25
1 Horse,	100 00	Hay Chopper,	12 00
5 Swine,	45 00	Ice Chest,	6 00
Barn Fowl,	7 20	Patent Balances,	25 00
9 Chains,	6 00	Winnowing Machine,	10 00
1 Ox Cart Body,	2 00	450 lbs. Pork,	50 00
1 Horse Cart,	34 00	200 lbs. Beef,	14 00
1 Hay Wagon,	27 00	100 lbs. Ham,	11 00
1 Harness,	20 00	80 lbs. Lard,	10 40
1 Draft Harness,	14 00	Parsnips,	2 00
1 Draft Harness,	2 00	60 bushels Potatoes,	45 00
1 Roller,	4 00	50 bushels Carrots,	12 50
1 Drag,	2 00	10 bushels Beets,	4 00
Scythes and Snaths,	5 00	20 bushels Turnips,	8 00
8 Hay Forks,	4 00	3½ bushels Beans,	7 00
6 Rakes,	1 00	Flour,	6 00
1 Ox Yoke,	5 00	35 lbs. Tea,	14 00
6 Manure Forks,	3 00	33 lbs. Coffee,	2 97
2 Manure Rollers,	1 50	10 gallons Vinegar,	1 50
3 Garden Forks,	4 50	5 gallons Molasses,	2 00
6 Hoes,	2 00	8 bushels Meal,	6 00
2 Narrow Hoes,	1 00	50 lbs. Butter,	10 00
1 Scraper,	2 00	Barley,	4 50
1 pair Horse Fetters,	1 00	30 lbs. Salt Fish,	90
Ox Chains,	62	Hard Soap,	50
Halter, Blankets, &c.,	1 50	Soft Soap,	6 00
A lot of Posts & Rails,	25 00	Grease and Ashes,	4 00
Grain Chest,	6 00	10 Baskets,	5 00
Cart Saddle,	2 00	A lot of Manure,	300 00
4 Saws & Wood Horses,	2 50	4 cords Pine Wood,	20 00
Beetle and Wedges,	3 00	10 cords in the woods,	35 00
Stone Tools,	8 00	1½ cords in Hanover,	4 50
4 Iron Bars,	3 00	Hard Coal,	52 00
3 Axes,	2 00	9 tons English Hay,	135 00
3 Hatchets,	1 00	3 tons Salt Hay,	33 00
1 Brush Hook,	3 00	1 ton of Bedding,	6 00
Iron Square,	25	Fresh Hay,	6 00
Seed Sower,	5 00	5 bushels Corn,	4 50
4 Shovels,	2 00	30 lbs. Saleratus,	1 50
Hay Poles,	1 00	10 lbs Pepper,	1 00
1 Grind Stone,	4 00	15 lbs. Tobacco,	2 50
2 Hand Hammers,	1 50	100 lbs. Cheese,	8 00
Tackle and Runner,	4 50	75 lbs. Sugar,	6 00
Hay Rope & Wh'lbarrow,	4 00	1 Buffalo Robe,	3 00
3 Ploughs,	14 00	Outstanding Bills,	24 62
1 Horse Sled,	5 00		
1 Horse Harrow,	10 00		
Carpenter's Tools,	3 00		
		Amount of Inventory, \$1,593 96	

ALVAH RAYMOND, }
HENRY A. TORREY, } *Overseers of*
LEMUEL TORREY, } *the Poor.*

STATISTICS

FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Weymouth, 1857.

- ✓ Jan. 1, Charles H. Burgess and Ann Maria Vining, Weymouth.
 ✕ 24, Albert M. Blanchard and Sarah J. Stoddard, Weymouth.
 Feb. 19, Samuel M. Richards and Mary L. Lowell, Weymouth.
 Mar. 8, George W. Dyer and Caroline B. Bates, Weymouth.
 21, Albert F. Flanders, Chilmark, and Eunice A. Tilton, North
 Bridgewater.
 22, Phineas Libby and Flavilla Sylvester, Abington.
 29, William Nash and Hannah M. Bradford, Weymouth.
 30, Alonzo Vining and Susan M. Reynolds, Weymouth.
 April 8, William Currier, Providence, R. I., and Verona A. Houghton,
 Weymouth.
 12, Joseph H. Burrell and Ellen M. Vining, Weymouth.
 23, Samuel Lincoln and Mary Ann Sampson, Weymouth.
 May 2, James H. Munroe and Susan E. Holbrook, Weymouth.
 ✕ 5, William S. Hersey and Narrissa Pratt, Weymouth.
 6, John W. Chessman and Lizzie A. Simminton, Hingham.
 ✓ 10, Josiah R. Parrot and Lucy A. Tirrell, Weymouth.
 23, Spencer L. Brooks and Fanny S. Birmingham, Abington.
 31, William L. Pratt and Sally Hollis, Braintree.
 ✓ 31, Ferdinand J. Barnes and Helen F. French, Weymouth.
 31, John P. Burrell and Susan A. Bates, Weymouth.
 June 3, Edmund G. Bates and Jane B. Bicknell, Weymouth.
 4, Robert B. Nash and Jane M. Tirrell, Weymouth.
 14, Joseph H. Gannett and Phebe Ann Richards, Weymouth.
 27, Gridley T. Nash and Sarah Frances Shaw, Abington.
 27, Samuel B. Thaxter, Abington, and Emma E. Hunt, Weymouth.
 July 1, James M. Carroll, Providence, R. I., and Margaret Louisa
 Prentiss, Hingham.
 1, William J. Hambleton, Winchendon, and Salome D. Cook,
 Hingham.
 ✕ Aug. 2, Samuel W. Ring and Sarah M. Curtis, Weymouth.

Aug. 8, Josephus L. Freeman, East Bridgewater, and Elsie A. Washburn, Brewer, Me.

11, Andrew B. Maine and Sarah E. Richardson, Weymouth.

27, Wilson Tirrell and Nancy T. Shaw, Weymouth.

Sept. 23, Martin C. Hawes and Elizabeth A. Shaw, Weymouth.

Oct. 3, Elias Raymond, Weymouth, and Laura A. Chapman, Hanover.

13, Oliver B. Stackpole and Susan R. French, Weymouth.

22, William A. Thompson and Eliza M. Chase, Abington.

29, Thomas M. French and Caroline W. Nash, Weymouth.

31, Charles Hussey and Eliza J. Wilds, Biddeford, Me.

Nov. 1, Lysander Heald and Margaret A. Vining, Weymouth.

9, Alvah S. Morrison, Braintree, and Elizabeth A. Curtis, Weym'th.

11, John W. Tirrell and Eliza L. Tutty, Weymouth.

19, Benjamin Cudworth, Scituate, and Melitable B. Holbrook, Weymouth.

22, Michael Hart and Maria T. Moran, Weymouth.

25, William Salisbury and Abby A. Pratt, Weymouth.

Dec. 19, Levi C. Taylor and Susanna M. Neily, Cohasset.

19, Thomas H. Walker and Augusta M. Thayer, Weymouth.

20, David B. Burrell and Abby L. Bates, Weymouth.

22, William H. Bond, Braintree, and Eliza A. Nash, Weymouth.

24, James Whittemore, Weymouth, and Mary E. Bent, Quincy.

27, James A. Harris and Sarah R. Shaw, Weymouth.

31, Bradford Chandler and Cornelia Sampson, Weymouth.

1856.

July 18, Bela T. Nash, Abington, and Lizzie K. Richards, Weymouth.

Oct. 30, Theron A. Pool and Mary H. Rogers, Weymouth.

Deaths in Weymouth in 1857.

Date.	NAMES.	AGE.			Disease.	Where Born
		Years.	Months.	Days.		
Jan. 4,	Hannah W. White,	5	3	-	Searlet Fever, . .	Weymouth.
9,	Ezra Blanchard,	87	-	-	M. P. Old Age, . .	"
13,	Edith M. Shaw,	3	4	-	Searlet Fever, . .	"
14,	Mannetta Lovell,	2	-	-	" " . .	"
14,	George Lovell,	4	-	-	" " . .	"
14,	Clarence W. Tirrell,	-	7	-	Congest'n of Lungs, . .	"
25,	Thomas Keay,	3	3	15	Scarlet Fever, . .	Boston.
26,	Charles W. Bicknell,	2	3	13	" " . .	Weymouth.
26,	William D. Bates,	32	6	16	Consumption, . .	"
Feb. 6,	Mary Ann Dunphy,	2	5	-	Searlet Fever, . .	"
6,	Mercia C. Foye,	2	11	-	" " . .	"
17,	Charles Park,	72	1	-	Tumor,	Norton.
20,	Thomas Austin,	21	1	-	Consumption, . .	Edgecomb, Me.
23,	Clarissa A. Colson,	23	4	-	" " . .	Weymouth.
25,	— Holbrook,	-	-	11	Infantile,	"
28,	William Stoddard,	71	-	-	Inflammation, . .	Hingham.
Mar. 3,	Charles E. Cloutman,	2	7	3	Throat Disease, . .	Weymouth.
3,	Jonathan White,	83	-	-	Old Age,	"
3,	Abby R. French,	-	3	25	Lung complaint, . .	"
8,	Susan E. Barnes,	1	6	-	Scarlet Fever, . .	"
13,	Emma Burrell,	-	4	12	Lung Fever,	"
14,	Stephen L. French,	25	11	14	Fits,	"
14,	Patriek Magrady,	-	-	1	- - - -	"
16,	Mary E. Dizer,	18	7	8	Consump. of Blood, . .	"
19,	Charles P. Sweeting,	-	2	16	Infantile,	"
21,	Mary Cook,	71	4	-	Typhoid Fever, . .	Abington.
23,	Rebecca Pratt,	78	5	6	Old Age,	Weymouth.
31,	James Sist,	55	-	-	Consumption, . .	Ireland.
Apr. 5,	Deborah Stetson,	74	-	-	General Debility, . .	Weymouth.
13,	George E. Farrar,	1	8	-	Searlet Fever, . .	Wiseonsin.
25,	Dea. John Vining,	79	3	-	Palsy,	Weymouth.
26,	Phebe Blanchard,	52	4	19	Dropsy,	"
28,	Emeline S. Young,	19	4	-	Consumption, . .	N. Bridgewater.
29,	Walter H. Cushing,	2	2	4	Searlet Fever, . .	Weymouth.
May 1,	Elmer Murry,	1	9	-	" " . .	"
-	Franklin O. Mitchell,	6	-	-	" " . .	"
8,	Florence Spilsted,	-	-	21	Influenza,	"
9,	Sarah F. Pool,	35	1	24	Consumption, . .	"
24,	Nathaniel Richards,	84	-	-	Old Age,	"
28,	Nathaniel Richards,	48	-	-	Consumption, . .	"
30,	Albert Bean, } twins, {	-	-	23	Influenza,	"
June 2,	Alfred Bean, } twins, {	-	-	26	" " . .	"
2,	Allen Thomas,	-	6	-	Infantile,	"
2,	Harriet A. Holbrook,	2	6	-	Scarlet Fever, . .	Braintree.
6,	Harriet W. Mareh,	3	4	-	Whooping Cough, . .	New Hampshire.
26,	Joanna Carroll,	1	-	28	Teething,	Weymouth.
27,	Mary H. Bates,	40	6	10	Consumption, . .	"
30,	Mareus P. Blanchard,	4	8	27	Searlet Fever, . .	"
July 7,	James B. Pratt,	25	11	22	Consumption, . .	"
14,	Harriet N. Pool,	5	6	14	Searlet Fever, . .	"
15,	John H. Beleher,	7	11	-	Stoppage,	"
25,	Hannah Stoddard,	70	-	-	Consumption, . .	"
Aug. 2,	Amos H. Raymond,	36	3	20	" " . .	Middleborough.
3,	Benj. Lond,	90	6	-	Old Age,	Weymouth.
5,	Martha Beaulien,	21	-	-	Consumption, . .	Canada.
5,	Preston A. Stowell,	-	6	2	Inflammation, . .	Weymouth.
-	Edwin T. Tirrell,	-	5	-	Infantile,	"
17,	Ruth Dyer,	78	6	-	Old Age,	"
24,	William Thompson,	33	-	-	Consumption, . .	Middleborough.
28,	Polly White,	86	-	-	Old Age,	Weymouth.

Deaths in Weymouth—Continued.

Date.	NAMES.	AGE.			Disease.	Where Born.
		Years.	Months.	Days		
Sept. 10,	Nancy Blanchard,	70	—	—	Old Age,	Weymouth.
10,	Lemuel Humphrey,	73	4	—	Fever,	"
13,	Jacob Bates,	68	4	24	Consump. of Blood,	"
14,	Eunice N. Hunt,	69	—	—	Old Age,	"
15,	John Hagarty,	36	—	—	Consumption,	Ireland.
18,	Willie F. Binney,	—	11	25	Teething,	Weymouth.
19,	Minnie P. Hodgdon,	1	3	15	Consumption,	"
20,	Phillis Torrey,	20	2	—	Spine Complaint,	"
21,	Patrick McMahan,	—	9	—	Dysentery,	"
25,	Sally A. Carroll,	—	7	16	"	Lockport, N. Y.
Oct. 4,	George F. Nash,	28	9	—	Typhoid Fever,	Weymouth.
12,	Frank W. Holbrook,	1	6	—	Bowel Complaint,	"
12,	Howard W. Hayden,	—	1	19	Cholera Infantum,	"
12,	Andrew Thomas,	81	—	—	Stoppage,	"
13,	Charles W. Jenness,	—	5	12	Consumption,	"
14,	David Taylor,	69	—	8	Lung Fever,	Orleans.
14,	Michael McCarthy,	—	2	14	Dysentery,	Weymouth.
15,	Fanny M. Lemon,	—	7	—	Inflammation,	Boston.
16,	Edgar G. Webster,	2	8	14	Unknown,	Weymouth.
16,	George L. Cleverly,	23	4	10	Consumption,	"
18,	George E. Noyes,	2	2	—	Scarlet Fever,	Braintree.
19,	Hannah A. Pool,	—	3	10	Canker,	Weymouth.
21,	Florence A. Dyer,	—	5	6	"	"
22,	Minot Pratt,	23	2	2	Consumption,	"
22,	Frederic W. Estes,	—	6	—	"	"
22,	James M. Heffernan,	—	8	—	Teething,	"
22,	John Pratt,	48	6	5	Bilious Colic,	"
27,	William Welch,	—	7	—	Teething,	"
28,	Samuel Burrell,	84	4	—	Heart Disease,	"
29,	Charles H. White,	1	11	29	Inflam. of Lungs,	"
30,	Mary Caton,	2	6	—	Diarrhœa,	"
Nov. 1,	— Thayer,	—	—	—	Stillborn,	"
3,	Stedman H. Wright,	73	4	—	Heart Disease,	Mansfield, Ct.
10,	Lucy Stowell,	80	11	28	Old Age,	Weymouth.
13,	James Cotter,	1	1	27	Lung Fever,	"
13,	Thomas Frahar,	—	11	—	Dysentery,	"
13,	Margaret Healy,	—	—	1	Infantile,	"
20,	Porter F. Barrows,	—	—	1	"	"
21,	Mary Hollowell,	77	—	—	Consumption,	"
23,	— Robbins,	—	—	1	—	"
28,	Zachariah L. Bicknell,	—	1	9	Influenza,	"
28,	Honora Clifford,	—	7	12	—	"
Dec. 2,	Catherine Cute,	25	—	—	—	"
2,	William Cahill,	—	10	3	Whooping Cough,	"
3,	Edward Sheehan,	17	7	—	Fever,	Ireland.
8,	— Loud,	—	—	9	Infantile,	Weymouth.
9,	Mary Hunt,	80	8	—	Old Age,	"
10,	Malichi Brett,	92	—	—	"	Ireland.
12,	Thomas F. Murphy,	—	1	19	Lung Fever,	Weymouth.
13,	James Richards,	78	—	—	M. P. Old Age,	"
17,	Thomas Cushing,	—	—	1	Scarlet Fever,	"
19,	A. Serena Rogers,	25	—	4	Consumption,	"
19,	Charles S. Baker,	1	—	11	Lung Fever,	"
20,	John Kelan,	1	6	—	Scarlet Fever,	"
21,	Catherine Kelan,	5	2	—	"	"
22,	Emma J. Pugh,	2	1	17	Inflam. on Brain,	"
25,	Silas Derby,	21	6	—	Typhoid Fever,	"
27,	Joseph W. Gardner,	1	5	—	Dropsy and Measles,	"
28,	Arthur H. Marden,	—	5	1	Fits,	"
29,	Patrick Kennedy,	1	—	9	Lung Fever,	"

7 Stillborn. Whole Number, 127.

BIRTHS.

Number of Births registered,	265
Number of Births where both parties were American, .	175
Number of Births where fathers were American and mothers were foreign,	3
Number of Births where the mothers were American and fathers were foreign,	7
Number of Births where both parties were foreign, . .	73
Stillborn,	7—265
Number of Births where both parties were natives of Wey- mouth,	36

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH,
FOR THE YEAR 1858.

Selectmen.

N. Vining, Jr., Z. L. Bicknell, E. H. Richards.

Town Clerk.

J. Austin Rogers.

Treasurer.

Gillman Burrell.

Assessors.

Henry A. Torrey, Samuel Burrell, Francis B. Bates.

Overseers of the Poor.

Henry A. Torrey, Samuel Curtis, Lemuel Torrey.

School Committee.

Rev. C. W. Mellen, 3 years, Rev. James P. Terry, 2 years,
Rev. E. S. Potter, 1 year.

Constables.

Jacob N. Bates, Silas Binney, William Stoddard.

Prudential School Committee.

Leonidas F. Pratt,	James Humphrey,	Joseph B. Howe,
John W. Bartlett,	Jeremiah Bailey,	Roscius R. Walker,
Lowell Q. Spear,	Benjamin F. White,	Ebenezer Tirrell,
John D. Salisbury,	Samuel Burrell,	John V. Bates.
William White,	John Shores,	

Surveyors of Highways.

Solomon Lovell,	Adoniram Vining,	J. Quincy Torrey,
James Jones,	Loring Tirrell,	Roswell Corban,
Jonathan D. Pratt,	Samuel Tirrell,	Isaac Remick,
William F. Thayer,	Asa Holbrook,	John Phillips,
Alvah Raymond, Jr.,	Jason Holbrook,	Sylvanus Bates,
Moses W. Faxon,	Allen Vining,	Eliphalet Loud,
John Prince Nash,	Nathaniel R. Torrey,	Alvan B. Derby.
William A. Shaw,		

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark.

Edwin Pratt,	Reuben Loud,	Mark M. Blanchard,
Lot W. Bicknell,	Henry Dyer,	Roscius R. Walker,
Josiah E. Rice,	David Lovell,	Minot M. Leonard,
Cyrus Washburn,	Charles H. Allen,	Joshua Binney,
Francis H. Tilden,	J. Austin Rogers,	Tilly Willis,
Henry Hunt,	Henry A. Torrey,	Cottingham Nash,
Richard E. Loud,	Elon Sherman,	Benjamin F. Shaw,
Benjamin F. White,	Franklin Derby,	Quincy Pool,
Leonard Gardner,	Justin E. Wright,	Martin Derby.

Field Drivers.

Henry J. French,	Aurelius L. Tirrell,	Adoniram Hollis,
Nathan F. Dyer,	Elbridge Cushing,	George Hayden,
Martin C. Huntress,	William Richards,	Daniel F. Rogers,
Theodore Blanchard,	Joseph Orcutt,	George Brooks,
Richard Humphrey,	Jacob R. Lovell,	David P. Richards,
Edwin Pratt,	Loring Pratt,	James B. Pratt,
Francis H. Corwin,	Richmond A. Holbrook,	Edward Lincoln,
James Hawes, Jr.,	Ezra Reed, Jr.,	James H. Jacobs,
Isaac Reed,	Boylston G. White,	Elisha F. Shaw,
Edward Cushing,	William H. Clapp,	Edward Chessman.
A. Prescott Nash,	Bethuel Thomas,	

Fence Viewers.

Thomas Humphrey,	Cottingham Nash.
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Fire Wards.

Henry Cleverly,	Warren W. Barker,	Benjamin D. Vining,
James Tirrell,	Asa Holbrook,	Appleton Howe.

Pound Keeper.

Francis Tirrell.

Weigher of Vessels.

William Rice.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

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Auditors.

Henry A. Torrey,	Asa B. Wales,	Lovell Bicknell.
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REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF WEYMOUTH,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 8, 1858.

The School Committee, having completed their service for the year ending March 8, 1858, submit the following Report of the condition of the several Schools in the respective districts, as follows:—

FIRST DISTRICT.—The Primary Department was taught by Miss Emily R. Bicknell during the summer term. The teacher seemed disposed to do the best in her power, but lacking system and thoroughness, the government of the school and its progress in the studies pursued were not what we desired. At the closing examination the order was better than at any other visit of the Committee.

The Grammar Department was in charge of Miss J. Frances Vining. Although “a spirit of insubordination” and “a state unfavorable to good progress” existed in this school during the previous term, Miss Vining at once succeeded, by her superior skill in governing, and the excellence of her method of teaching, in establishing good order and in creating among her pupils that interest in study so indispensable to rapid advancement. The closing examination was highly satisfactory.

During the vacation the district finished their new, commodious, substantial and elegant school-house, containing three rooms, warmed by an ample furnace and supplied with the most approved

furniture. At the commencement of the winter term three schools were opened in this building.

The Primary Department was given to Miss Sarah E. Loud, who fully sustained her former reputation as a teacher. The scholars were orderly and diligent, and made satisfactory progress in their studies.

The closing examination was creditable to both teacher and scholars.

The Intermediate Department was in the charge of Miss Nancy A. Tirrell, an experienced teacher, who succeeded at once in securing good order and a proper control of her pupils. An early interest in the school was manifested by most of the members, which continued throughout the term, and the result has been both pleasant and profitable. The closing examination was quite satisfactory to the Committee.

The Grammar Department, under the care of Miss J. Frances Vining, (the teacher of the previous term,) was in all respects successful. Good order, secured by firmness and kindness on the part of the teacher, and by the co-operation of parents, and a thorough, critical, and systematic course of instruction, were prominent characteristics of the school. The teacher possesses in an eminent degree an aptness to teach, and fully appreciates the importance of cultivating not only the memory but the understanding; and of teaching that words are valueless apart from the principles and ideas they are designed to convey. The final examination was of rare excellence, and perfectly satisfactory.

SECOND DISTRICT.—The number of scholars in this District has been too small to permit a division of the school during either of the terms, and consequently it has experienced, to their full extent, the disadvantages resulting from too many classes, to which schools comprising pupils of all ages are usually subjected.

During the summer term the school was taught by the same experienced teacher, who for several preceding seasons had conducted it with uniform success. At the ordinary visits of the Committee, the appearance of the school was very satisfactory, both in respect to order and the methods of instruction; and at the closing examination the evidences of correct discipline and careful study were such as to meet all their expectations. The exercises of the classes in Written Arithmetic, and of the first

class in Colburn's Arithmetic, were especially deserving of commendation.

During the winter term the school was under the instruction of Mr. C. H. Brown, a teacher of experience, who manifested a good degree of interest in its prosperity, and who, at the several visits of the Committee, appeared to have secured such order and attention to study as promised a successful result.

At the closing visit the order was good, and there were gratifying evidences of industry and progress in study on the part of many of the higher classes. The exercise of the first class in reading, was one of the best of the kind to which the Committee have listened during the year. The classes in Algebra and the first class in Grammar were also entitled to much credit. But many of the exercises were seriously marred by indistinctness in enunciation, and on the part of the younger classes, by a want of readiness in their answers and by mistakes, which more care would have prevented.

THIRD DISTRICT.—The Primary Division was conducted through the year by Miss Mary C. Cowing, with much ability and success. This school sustained a good examination.

The order was excellent, and the whole school apparently in a fine condition. It has had to contend with difficulties arising from the large number of children belonging to it, and from irregularity of attendance.

It is to be hoped that this school will have the co-operation and confidence of the parents, and continue steadily to improve as it has for the past year. To keep a good primary school, calls for a great variety of qualifications; a maternal affection, a sympathy for the very young, and an energetic hand for the more advanced; an ability to instruct the first lisps of the alphabet, and endure the tedium of mere repetition; and at the same time to animate and advance those who have already begun to study and think. Miss Cowing has given herself to this work with great earnestness and devotion.

The Committee were pleased with the general appearance of the school in regard to discipline and instruction.

Intermediate School—Miss Lucy M. Richards, Teacher. The Committee take pleasure in saying that their expectations in regard to this school have been met. Miss Richards entered upon

her duties at the opening of the term with the expressed determination "that no pains or labor on her part should be spared in promoting the interests of the pupils;" and notwithstanding the school was large and inclined to be disorderly in their deportment, she continued faithful and persevering in the discharge of her duties, as an efficient and successful teacher, and the Committee were particularly pleased with her fidelity and zeal. At our frequent visits, we were well satisfied that the school was advancing under her tuition, and great improvement was being made in reading and spelling. The closing examination gave evidence that we were correct in our estimate of teacher and pupils.

Winter Term—Miss Susan J. F. Pratt, Teacher. As a teacher, she gives evidence of occupying an elevated rank in this branch of public service. Her entire devotion to her work renders her worthy of particular recognition. She has exhibited a remarkable tact in management, decision without undue severity, and skill to infuse into the young and tender mind an earnest desire of intellectual and moral culture. A decided improvement in the character of this school has been effected by the present teacher. Some of the points of particular excellence are these: good attendance, the best of order with but little apparent effort on the part of the teacher, promptness and accuracy in the recitations, and a very gratifying improvement in the art of reading; and this is true not only of one class, but of most of the classes. There was an entire absence of all indications of partiality.

The condition of the school is such as to afford the highest satisfaction to the Committee. And we hope her services may be secured the ensuing season.

Grammar School—Summer Term. The teacher, Miss Abby L. Bates, to whom this department was assigned from her well-earned reputation as a faithful and popular teacher, afforded us much ground to hope for a term of signal success. And doubtless such would have been the result, had the teacher been sustained by the parents, and enjoyed the co-operation of the pupils. But instead of this, many of the parents manifested a painful indifference to the interests of the school, an evidence of which was seen in the irregularity of attendance; and also in the disreputable conduct of some of the larger pupils towards the teacher.

While they should have appreciated her services, and reciprocated her interest in them, they were disorderly and unkind.

After eight weeks the teacher became discouraged, and notwithstanding the remonstrances of the Committee, resigned her post.

The school was then given in charge to Miss Margaret A. Vining, a lady whose standing and reputation as one of our most thorough, successful and able teachers, need no comment. She entered upon her duties actuated by a laudable ambition to promote the progress of her pupils, and so to elevate the character of the school. And had the pupils felt as much interest in themselves as she felt for them, much more would have been accomplished.

At the examination there were between thirty and forty vacant seats, many of which belonged to the larger pupils. The closing exercises were conducted mainly by the Committee, and the result was, that they were satisfied with the thorough manner in which the pupils had been taught, and the excellent progress they had made.

Winter Term—Mr. James O. Scripture, Teacher. It will be recollected that at the last term the Committee felt obliged to report somewhat unfavorably in relation to this school; and we are sorry to say it still has its defects.

In the former report we alluded to its irregular attendance, to the absence of pupils, excused apparently indeed by parents' billets, but for the most trifling reasons.

It is feared the parents do not realize fully the necessity of the strict regulations of the school, requiring some justifiable excuse in cases of tardiness and absence.

Their hearty co-operation would at once remedy this great evil, a greater one than they may at first imagine.

The discipline of this school has not at all times been satisfactory, although the teacher was untiring in his efforts to secure order, and to awaken a desire of improvement in the minds of his pupils; and had they been studiously disposed, the closing examination would have been more satisfactory. We are happy to state that the several examinations in this district were enlivened by the presence of a large number of parents and friends.

FOURTH DISTRICT.—The Grammar Department of this District was taught by Miss L. A. Harlow during the summer term. At the different visitations of the Committee the scholars appeared to

be orderly and industrious, and the closing examination was very satisfactory.

The same teacher had charge of the Grammar Department during the winter term. She fully sustained the reputation previously gained, of being an efficient teacher; and the appearance of the school at the closing examination reflected much credit upon both teacher and scholars, and gave much satisfaction to the Committee.

The Primary Department was taught by Miss Angeline M. Webster, during both the summer and winter terms, with her usual success, and fully sustained her well-earned reputation of being a good and faithful teacher.

The closing examination of each term was quite satisfactory.

FIFTH DISTRICT.—The Primary Department during the summer was taught by Miss Mary R. Parrot, six months; whole number attending school, 61, and the average attendance, 49. The school was conducted in a manner well calculated to insure success. The order was good, and the appearance at the monthly visitations testified to the industry of the scholars and the fidelity of the teacher. The closing examination gave much satisfaction to the Committee. The winter term of this department was short, continuing but two months. The school was under the direction of Miss Ellen G. Parrot, by whose judicious management the scholars fully sustained the reputation they had acquired during the summer. The Committee were highly gratified at the close of the term, to find the school in good condition, and the improvement such as to merit approbation.

The summer term of the Grammar Department continued about six months, under the superintendence of Miss L. F. Reed, who taught the same school the previous summer. The order was generally good, and the industry and accuracy in recitation as exhibited at the monthly visits, were thought worthy of commendation; but at the close of the term there did not appear to be that energy and promptness which are a very sure indication of success, nor that familiar acquaintance with studies pursued which is desirable, and the Committee felt constrained to say that the examination did not equal their expectations.

The winter term commenced under the charge of Mr. Farr, of the State of Maine. At the expiration of seven days, the school

was visited by the Committee having the care of the same. The school-room was found to be exceedingly dirty, and the boys outrageously noisy and disobedient. No improvement could be expected under such an administration, and a full expression of this opinion in the presence of the teacher and the school, was followed on the same day by a resignation of the teacher. It is but justice to the prudential committee to say that Mr. Farr was not engaged by him to teach the school, but was sent as a substitute by the person expected. After an interval of one week, this school was reopened under the superintendence of Miss Maria A. Hatch, from Vermont, who had had experience in teaching. She opened the school under very unfavorable auspices, but with a determination that no effort should be wanting on her part to insure success. The girls, with few exceptions, among the younger ones, behaved with great propriety; they were industrious and generally prompt in their exercises, and appeared to be desirous of improvement. But the idle habits and disorderly behavior of most of the boys gave the teacher much trouble, and required a severity of treatment which was extremely unpleasant to her, but which appeared to be absolutely necessary to secure any thing like order or improvement. They manifested an utter disregard of the requirements of the teacher and the directions of the Committee; and the insolence with which some of them treated the teacher, both in school and out of school, was deserving of the punishment inflicted. A few of the parents complained that their children were treated with undue severity; but on inquiry, it was found that no scholar had been punished either for sobriety of conduct or industrious habits, or conformity to the rules of the school; but on the contrary, that the punishments were occasioned by the insolence or stubbornness of the child and his resistance to constituted authority. Now if parents really desire to do away with punishment at school, they must enforce obedience at home; for where family discipline is maintained there is generally no occasion for severity by the teacher. And we believe that had some of the parents in this district exerted their influence in favor of good order in school, instead of manifesting an indifference to its success, by complaining of the teacher in the presence of their children, for her efforts to preserve order in school, the necessity for punishments would have been greatly diminished. There may be cases of this kind where parents are

more culpable than their children, and yet the children should not be held guiltless, because their disobedience is voluntary; and in such cases we can readily see the *necessity* of visiting the iniquities of the parents upon the children, that the latter may not grow up in disregard of all law, divine and human, and be thrown upon society at an age when the habits of insubordination may be so firmly fixed as to defy the restraints of parental authority and the laws of the land. Under all the adverse circumstances which existed during the early part of the school, the order gradually improved and the boys became more industrious, and though their improvement was slow and their advancement not equal to their privileges, their appearance at the examination was better than could have been expected, and reflected great credit on the teacher for her fidelity and perseverance. The recitations of the girls were prompt and generally accurate, and received, as they deserved, much praise. This school continued ten weeks. During the last three weeks several left the school for reasons unknown to the Committee; one under the prospect of punishment, and two have been expelled by the teacher.

SIXTH DISTRICT.—The Primary Department of this school has been under the instruction of Miss Elizabeth White through the year. During the summer term the appearance of the school at the monthly visits was encouraging; the order was good and the recitations generally correct; and at the close the exercises gave evidence of industry on the part of many of the pupils, and of commendable improvement. During the winter term the children appeared to be more interested in their studies, as well as more animated in their recitations; and the closing examination gave evidence of decided improvement, showing the fidelity and success of the teacher and the industry and the acquisitions of the pupils. One exercise in written arithmetic was excellent, and would serve as a model for any school.

The Grammar Department during the summer was intrusted to Miss Susan M. Magoun, who appeared from time to time to take much interest in her school, and to manage it with propriety. Good order was observed and flattering anticipations of success were entertained. But the examination at the close of the term did not equal the expectations of the Committee. Some of the scholars recited remarkably well, while in others there was a want

of promptness, energy and accuracy in recitation, which we did not expect. There was probably some want of energy on the part of the teacher, but it should be observed that another and greater cause for the deficiency was the irregularity of attendance, the average being only two-thirds. This fact would in a great measure account for the condition of the school at its close. The daily tasks might be well performed, but the numerous absentees who, during the term, had hindered the progress of those who were present, could not fail to impair the character of the school and nullify, to a certain extent, the best directed efforts of any teacher.

The winter school has been taught by Mr. Elbridge Torrey, who has waked up an interest among the children in regard to study, and given an impulse to their exertions, which have been productive of great improvement; and the school now appears to be rising to that eminence of position which it formerly attained. For some years past the frequent change of instructors has operated unfavorably on this school; but Mr. Torrey has shown that the friends of learning in this district need not be discouraged, and that the work of reform has been well begun. The school has been well managed; good order has been preserved, great promptness and accuracy have been manifested, and the general appearance highly satisfactory. The examination was one of the best we have seen the past year, exhibiting fidelity and energy in the teacher, and industry and a desire for improvement in the pupils. The recitations exhibited not only a retentive memory on the part of the pupils, but an ability to apply the principles they had learned to the common affairs of life, all which gave great satisfaction.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.—The schools in this District for the past year have been progressive, and on the whole successful. The Grammar Department in the summer was intrusted to the care of Miss Josephine Lane, who for the first time undertook the business of teaching. Her uniform energy in the management of the school was followed by excellent order, and the teacher, as the Committee believe, succeeded in securing the good will of her pupils. They seemed to manifest a desire to gratify her by a prompt compliance with her wishes, and the result was very clearly shown in correct and ready recitations at the several visits of the Committee, and also by the very respectable advances made on their previous

attainments ; and at the closing examination the Committee were highly gratified with the general success of the school.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Henry F. Woodman, a gentleman of considerable experience, well qualified, and in some respects eminently so. The order was good and the pupils were favored with a clear and critical exposition of the principles of the various studies pursued. The Committee believe that if the scholars would practice more self-reliance they would be better able to retain their lessons. Clear and distinct articulation in reading was very conspicuous, and afforded much satisfaction. The Committee at the examination were satisfied with the exercises, and that the state of the school was progressive, reflecting much credit on both teacher and pupils.

The Primary School in this District in summer was placed in charge of Miss B. M. Holbrook, a teacher who had had but little experience in teaching. It was soon very apparent that she possessed qualifications well suited for the employment she had chosen. In about two weeks from the commencement of the school the teacher was obliged to leave the school in consequence of indisposition. After waiting two weeks for her recovery, it was thought best to procure a substitute, and Miss H. A. Fuller was engaged, who remained in charge of the school one month with good success, when the former teacher returned and continued through the term. The school was large, but the teacher fully succeeded in winning the love of her pupils, and by her untiring industry accomplished a good work, and at the closing examination the school appeared to good advantage. The winter term was under the same charge and continued twelve weeks with like success. The progress of the school through the year was thorough and steady, creditable alike to teacher and scholars. The school was too large, and a portion of the scholars would have been sent into the Grammar School if they had been qualified to enter the classes there ; but experience has proved that pupils not qualified to enter a Grammar School do not have that attention their circumstances require, and yet they so multiply classes as to be a serious injury to the progress of all in the school.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—(Pond Street.) The Primary Department of this school for the summer term was placed under the care of Miss Harriet Cloud. The school was very large and many of the

pupils were very young and unused to the restraints of the school-room. The teacher was herself without experience in teaching, and although she was very industrious and anxious to benefit her scholars, she failed in order and also in securing in the pupils that love of, and attention to study that are indispensable to success. Some of the scholars made considerable improvement, while others seemed to have made none. At the examination the exercises were dull, incorrect, and deficient in most of the points that characterize a profitable school. The winter term was intrusted to the care of Miss L. A. Paddock, a teacher of much experience. At the first visit of the Committee, it was very apparent that the teacher possessed uncommon skill. The attention and promptness of many of the dullest scholars in their recitations plainly showed the effect of the teacher's tact, and throughout the entire term the chief delight of the pupils was in their lessons. The progress of the school was very thorough, particularly in reading and spelling, the most important branches in every Primary School. The examination was excellent in almost every particular, and fully met our highest expectations.

Grammar Department.—This school was in charge, during the summer term, of Miss Susan M. Torrey, one of our most experienced and successful teachers. The appearance of the school at the several visitations was highly satisfactory. The order was excellent, the instruction thorough, and the scholars were generally industrious. The closing examination afforded gratifying evidence that the school had been well conducted, and the Committee expressed themselves as highly pleased with the fidelity of the teacher and the progress of the pupils. The average attendance was unusually large, it being 30, while the whole number of pupils was but 33.

In the winter term the school was in charge of Mr. Lewis E. Noyes, who had taught it for several preceding winters with eminent success. The Committee were gratified with the appearance of the school at each visitation. The closing examination was one of peculiar excellence, and elicited much praise from the Committee.

(Randolph Street.)—The summer term was commenced under the care of a young and inexperienced teacher, whose literary qualifications were fully sufficient for the trust, but who, from want of experience or tact, did not maintain that order that is

indispensable to the success of any school. The school was composed of all ages, from four to sixteen years, as it is the only school in that section of the District. At the end of seven weeks, (on consultation with the Committee,) she resigned her charge.

After a lapse of three weeks, Miss Henrietta A. Fuller was procured to take charge of the school, and although she was young and had had but little experience in teaching, yet on the first visitation of the Committee it was very manifest that the teacher possessed great skill in governing the school, for the most perfect order prevailed and was continued through the term. She also conciliated the good will of her pupils, and her labors were crowned with much success. At the closing examination the exercises were such as did honor to both teacher and scholars.

The winter term was under the care of Miss Susan M. Torrey, a teacher of much experience and success, who fully sustained her former reputation. This school is not so far advanced as many of the schools in town. The quiet energy of the teacher and the thoroughness of her instructions were attended with the best results. The order was excellent, and the requirements of exact recitations were very conspicuous at every visit of the Committee; and at the closing examination, although the Committee put nearly all the questions, the answers were remarkably prompt and correct, and showed very conclusively the energy, perseverance and capability of the teacher and the industry of the scholars.

NINTH DISTRICT.—The Primary Department, during a part of the Summer Term, was in charge of Miss Elizabeth S. Allison. She was obliged, on account of sickness, to relinquish the school about the first of July. At the different visitations of the Committee, the scholars appeared orderly and industrious, and the school generally to be doing well.

Miss Mary A. Rugg had charge of this Department during the remainder of the term. At the different visitations of the Committee it was very evident that the school was suffering much for the want of order; and at the closing examination it was apparent to the Committee that the school had not sustained its former reputation for good order and progress.

The Primary Department, during the Winter Term, was under the instruction of Miss Sarah H. Rugg. Although the school was in a bad condition at its commencement, owing to previous mis-

management, the Committee were pleased to see the faithful labors of the teacher for the restoration of the school to its former standing; and the school, at the closing examination, gave gratifying evidence of the success which attended her efforts, in the good order and correct recitations of the scholars.

The Grammar Division has been in charge of Mr. Theodore C. Pratt, who taught the same school the preceding year.

Good order has uniformly prevailed; impartiality has been the rule; and very considerable progress has been made in all the branches receiving attention.

The examination of each Term was creditable both to teacher and scholars, although not of superior excellence.

The Intermediate Division has been under the instruction of Miss Lydia C. Trufant for three consecutive years. She has earned and is fully entitled to the high reputation accorded her by former Committees, and she has sustained that reputation during the past year. The closing exercises of the Summer Term were excellent, and the appearance of the school during the Winter Term gave full assurance to the Visiting Committee that the examination at its close would not be surpassed, if equalled, by any of its grade in town. Three weeks previous to the time of closing, Miss Trufant was obliged, by reason of sickness, to suspend her school, and finding after a week's respite, that her health was not improved, it was deemed best to consider her school as closed, that her mind on this subject might be at rest.

A serious difficulty arose in this District, in the early part of the year, in consequence of a misunderstanding of the relative duties of the School Committee, Prudential Committee, and Teachers, at one time threatening serious injury if not ruin to the schools. The evil feared has not, however, been realized. The teachers and Committee, having the best interests of the schools in view, did not suffer their feelings to become so alienated as to prevent free consultation in reference to the welfare of the schools or the giving and receiving, in a proper manner, advice respecting the same.*

* In the month of July last, the Prudential Committee of this District, during one of the regular school days of the Summer Term, closed the school-house, and excluded the teachers and scholars therefrom, claiming to act under a vote of the District directing him to close the school-house for the purpose of permitting the teachers to attend a *Pic Nic* of the Sons of Temperance at Abington.

TENTH DISTRICT.—In this District there is but one school in the summer. This was taught by Miss Ellen G. Parrott.

This school is a mixed one of primary, intermediate and grammar school scholars. The teacher faithfully and cheerfully encountered the extra labor, and, notwithstanding the too many classes, has not failed to secure respectable order and good progress in the several studies pursued.

The examination of this school gave evidence of such a degree of mutual love and confidence between teacher and pupils as tells well for the fidelity with which they have been watched over and cared for during the term. The number of parents and friends present was evidence of their sympathy and interest in the school.

Primary Division—Winter Term. This school was given in charge to Miss Lydia A. Tirrell. Though inexperienced, she brought to her aid ample literary qualifications.

The condition of this school has been uniformly excellent throughout the term.

A pleasing feature of this primary is the cheerfulness and kindly social feeling of the scholars, and their sincere attachment to their teacher,—a point the Committee are happy to remark upon. Order was maintained without any labored effort, and the school has made commendable progress.

Grammar School.—Mr. J. H. Clark, Teacher. Mr. Clark has had the charge of this school but one term; but in that short period has proved himself well qualified for this great work. A little more of the genial, with his present thoroughness in teaching, and firmness in the maintenance of order, will place him amongst our ablest teachers. He made no effort at the examination, for display; neither did he appear especially desirous to aid his scholars by asking suggestive questions.

The entire exercise showed that there had been a good degree

The School Committee, believing that neither the District, nor the Prudential Committee had the right thus to suspend the schools, and having good reason to suppose the house was thus closed for the purpose of breaking down a rule on that subject properly established by your Committee, they deemed it essential to the protection of the interests of the schools committed to their superintendence, that this purpose should be defeated, and they accordingly broke open and entered the house and admitted the scholars. To recover damages for these acts of alleged trespass, a suit has been commenced by the District against a majority of the members of the School Committee, and is now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Norfolk.

of application on the part of the scholars, as well as of labor by the teacher.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.—There is but one school in this district, and as a consequence it is composed of pupils of all ages, requiring a multiplicity of classes. In the summer term it was placed in charge of one who had never before taught school. At the first and second visits nothing very uncommon in the appearance or management of the school was observed by the Committee, but on the third visit it was very apparent that the progress was altogether in the wrong direction. It was disorderly and idle, and the lessons were not learned as they should be. At the end of ten weeks the teacher resigned her charge. In about four weeks Miss Sarah H. Rugg took charge of the school and continued it for fourteen weeks. She also was young and inexperienced, yet in less than a week she showed herself skilful in governing a school. She brought order out of confusion, and substituted industry for idleness in the scholars, and continued in perfect control of the school to its close.

The progress was, under the circumstances, good, and at the closing examination the Committee were satisfied that a good work had been commenced, attended with good results.

The winter term was under the charge of an under graduate of Harvard University, Mr. Benjamin Wormell, who had never before taught school. During the entire term the order was commendable, and the scholars seemed to be happy in their relations with the teacher. The progress was respectable, and some of the classes at the examination appeared well, while others were not so good; we think that more energy and activity in the scholars would improve their appearance. On the whole the Committee say that the result is as good as could be reasonably expected.

HIGH SCHOOL.—The Committee were happy in being able to secure for this school the services of Mr. W. K. Fletcher, who had taught it with distinguished ability and success the preceding year. Having limited the number of pupils to fifty, they were obliged to refuse admission to thirty-five of the eighty-five who presented themselves for examination at the commencement of the summer term. Of these, some were better qualified to become members of the school than some who were admitted. But the

vote of the town allowing each district its proportionate number, forbade their admission. The particular charge of the school was assigned to two of the Committee. They visited it from time to time and always found evidence of skill and fidelity on the part of the teacher, and of progress on the part of the pupils. The order of the school was every thing that could be desired. The scholars were studious. The instruction was thorough. The Committee saw but little that needed correction, except the want in many of the scholars of a clear and distinct articulation. This defect was noticed at the closing examination of the first term, but was less apparent at the last examination. The average attendance of the first term was forty-seven and a half. The examination at its close was one of very great excellence.

The whole number of scholars the second term was forty-three. The average attendance was forty-one. The school was conducted in the same satisfactory manner in this, as in the preceding term. The examination at its close was witnessed by a large number of people, and was highly creditable to the teacher and to the scholars. Special commendation was bestowed upon the Latin exercises, as evincing a critical and thorough knowledge of the principles of that language. The reading exercise, however, was somewhat defective in respect to distinct articulation and proper inflection.

The Committee can fully endorse what was said in the last year's Report respecting the superior qualifications of Mr. Fletcher to teach a school of this grade; and they feel confident that this school will succeed, even in its present unfavorable location, so long as he shall have charge of it.

But however great may be the advantages of this school to those who are able to attend it, it is, and can be, of no benefit to a very large number of our youth who need its advantages, on account of their distance from it; nor does it benefit our other schools. One important design of a High School is to take from the Grammar Schools the higher branches of study, that by diminishing the number of classes a better opportunity may be afforded for thorough instruction in the Elementary branches. This design the High School in its present location fails to accomplish.

There have probably been as many classes and as many studies in nearly or quite all of the other schools during the year as there would have been had there been no High School. Could all who

desired to study the higher branches have enjoyed the advantages of the High School, the Committee would have regarded it as their duty to exclude such branches from the other schools. But because there was a High School whose advantages they could not enjoy, they did not feel justified in depriving them of privileges to which they would have been entitled if there had been no High School. By establishing three or more High Schools in different parts of the town, and employing to a greater extent female teachers in the other schools, the advantages now limited to a few would be extended to all, and with but little if any more expense to the town.

Such have been the character and condition of our schools the past year, and we rejoice to witness the many evidences of a desire to excel in the acquisition of knowledge. We are happy to observe that greater attention has been paid to deliberation and distinct articulation in reading, spelling and recitation, by many of the schools, while in others, we regret to say, there is abundant room for improvement in these respects. We have found more good readers and spellers than formerly; but we think that a greater proportion of time should be spent, and more critical instruction given in these branches, than they have generally received. They lie at the foundation of education, and any deficiency here will be readily observed in the superstructure. The recitations in the classes pursuing advanced studies have been uniformly good, in many instances, excellent; but we think that in many cases these studies have been prematurely assumed, and that greater proficiency and accuracy would have been made by a more thorough acquaintance with the primary studies. Some of our schools have been eminent for their success, while in others the improvement has been slow and uncertain. And why is this difference? One very prominent reason is found by an inspection of the register. In some of these nothing could be more repulsive than the evidence they contain of a want of interest in the school, and of a negligence in improving its advantages. The numerous instances of tardiness and absence in some districts, together with the desire to leave school before its close, are lamentable evils, which have been frequently brought to your notice, and which still call loudly for reform. They are not only an injury to the delinquent, but they prove a serious hinderance to those who may be desirous of improvement.

Another reason which may be assigned is the frequent change of teachers. In those districts, which have secured the services of good teachers for several years in succession, the scholars have uniformly advanced in learning with greater rapidity than in those where the teachers have been frequently changed. And your Committee can see no good reason why a female teacher, who has been successful in a grammar school during the summer term, should not be continued during the winter in the same school. We believe that such a practice would result in a saving of time and money, and that it should be more frequently adopted. Female teachers of any grade which may be desired, can soon be had if there is a demand for them. The demand will always secure the supply within a reasonable time; and we believe that, should this arrangement be carried out, our teachers,—all of whom we can raise at home,—will not suffer in comparison with those from abroad, even from our colleges, who spend a brief portion of their time as teachers, merely to replenish their purses. This change, however, from a long established usage, can hardly be expected, so long as the teachers are selected and engaged by the prudential committees, who are frequently taken by rotation, and are generally changed every year; they certainly have no better opportunities for selecting good teachers than the School Committee, nor are they generally better judges of their success. They frequently ask assistance from the School Committee, or if they undertake to decide for themselves, they have, in years past, not unfrequently presented for examination those whom the School Committee would not have selected, either on account of some deficiency in their education, or of their want of aptness to teach, but whom the Committee could not reject, without disappointment to the District, and without the risk of a second failure, as good teachers are generally engaged at an early day. And in doubtful cases there is always a strong temptation to try the experiment, which has frequently proved unsuccessful. We speak not for ourselves, but for our successors, when we say, that the Examining Committee should select the teachers, since the law has imposed on them the duty of examination, and intrusted to them the dismissal of a teacher, whenever they shall think proper. We are aware that such a change would increase the duties and responsibilities of the School Committee, which are not to be coveted; but we see no better way to raise the literary character of our teachers. This

can be done with more ease and with greater certainty by a body of men acting together, than by eleven men acting independently of each other. The one can fix a uniform standard of education for the teachers, the others may each have a standard of his own, and each adopt one different from the others. We believe that the standard of education should be constantly rising ; otherwise it will certainly fall.

The Committee feel fortified in their opinion, in relation to the selection of teachers, by the following testimony published by the Secretary of the Board of Education, in 1853, that "in all the annual reports of the School Committees throughout the State for the past two years, only two of them have recommended the selection of teachers by prudential committees, and those only in a qualified sense." Such a unanimity of opinion on this subject is entitled to consideration, and should have its due weight.

A statistical table is annexed, in reference to which it should be stated, that, by direction of the Secretary of the Board of Education, the length of the schools, and the wages of the teachers, are computed in months of twenty days each, and not by months and wages as set down in the Registers.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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School Statistics.

No. of District.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Persons in the District bet. 5 & 15.	No. of Scholars attending School.	Average Attendance.	No. under 5 Years of Age.	No. over 15 Years of Age.	Length of Term.		Wages of Teachers per Month.	Term.
							Mo.	Dy.		
I.	Miss Emily Bicknell, . . .	141	73	58	3	-	6	12	\$18 20	Sum.
	Miss J. Frances Vining, . .	-	53	37	-	1	6	12	21 80	Sum.
	Miss Sarah E. Loud, . . .	-	51	41	6	-	4	-	13 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Win.
	Miss Nancy A. Tirrell, . .	-	46	41	-	-	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 40	Win.
	Miss J. Frances Vining, . .	-	45	40	-	10	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 20	Win.
II.	Miss Eliza French, . . .	65	60	38	3	1	7	3	21 61	Sum.
	Mr. C. H. Brown, . . .	-	42	37	-	5	3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 80	Win.
III.	Miss Mary C. Cowing, . .	244	98	54	11	-	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 40	Sum.
	Miss Lucy M. Richards, . .	-	64	48	-	-	4	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 00	Sum.
	Miss Margaret Vining, . .	-	62	36	-	1	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 60	Sum.
	Miss Mary C. Cowing, . .	-	92	55	10	-	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 20	Win.
	Miss Susan J. F. Pratt, . .	-	86	61	-	-	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 75	Win.
	Mr. James O. Scripture, . .	-	70	49	-	5	6	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 40	Win.
IV.	Miss Angeline M. Webster, .	104	70	55	6	-	6	17	20 00	Sum.
	Miss L. A. Harlow, . . .	-	38	30	-	5	6	1	24 00	Sum.
	Miss Angeline M. Webster, .	-	64	40	1	-	3	6	21 80	Win.
	Miss L. A. Harlow, . . .	-	28	25	-	1	3	6	24 00	Win.
V.	Miss Mary R. Parrot, . .	113	61	49	13	-	6	12	19 70	Sum.
	Miss Lucinda F. Reed, . .	-	45	35	-	3	6	10	21 80	Sum.
	Miss Ellen G. Parrot, . .	-	62	48	-	-	2	4	20 00	Win.
	Miss Maria A. Hatch, . .	-	60	45	-	8	3	2	29 40	Win.
VI.	Miss Elizabeth White, . .	107	63	46	7	-	7	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 20	Sum.
	Miss Susan M. Magoun, . .	-	37	25	-	1	7	3	20 00	Sum.
	Miss Elizabeth White, . .	-	58	47	-	-	3	6	18 20	Win.
	Mr. Elbridge Torrey, . . .	-	48	41	-	6	3	6	45 00	Win.
VII.	Miss Bethiah M. Holbrook, .	113	63	45	8	-	6	12	18 20	Sum.
	Miss Josephine Lane, . .	-	44	32	-	-	6	12	18 20	Sum.
	Miss Bethiah M. Holbrook, .	-	67	54	3	-	3	6	19 00	Win.
	Mr. Henry F. Woodman, . .	-	40	34	-	8	3	6	41 00	Win.
VIII.	Miss H. A. Fuller, . . .	140	48	34	5	-	5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 50	Sum.
	Miss Harriet Cloud, . . .	-	74	65	9	-	5	10	20 00	Sum.
	Miss Susan M. Torrey, . .	-	33	30	-	2	5	10	19 80	Sum.
	Miss Lydia A. Paddock, . .	-	58	51	-	-	4	8	20 00	Win.
	Miss Susan M. Torrey, . .	-	43	32	2	4	4	8	21 80	Win.
	Mr. Lewis E. Noyes, . . .	-	45	39	-	12	4	-	46 00	Win.
IX.	Miss Mary A. Rugg, . . .	232	101	62	10	-	7	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 40	Sum.
	Miss Lydia C. Trufant, . .	-	61	46	-	-	7	14	20 00	Sum.
	Mr. Theodore C. Pratt, . .	-	62	42	-	11	7	14	47 60	Sum.
	Miss Sarah H. Rugg, . . .	-	81	67	-	-	3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 40	Win.
	Miss Lydia C. Trufant, . .	-	56	48	-	-	2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 00	Win.
	Mr. Theodore C. Pratt, . .	-	55	46	-	16	3	17	47 60	Win.
X.	Miss Ellen G. Parrot, . .	75	64	48	1	1	6	12	20 00	Sum.
	Miss Lydia A. Tirrell, . .	-	40	32	3	-	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 60	Win.
	Mr. J. H. Clark, . . .	-	32	27	-	5	3	6	43 20	Win.
XI.	Sarah H. Rugg, . . .	53	48	37	3	-	6	12	20 00	Sum.
	Benj. Wormell, . . .	-	54	42	-	5	3	6	32 00	Win.
	W. K. Fletcher,* . . .	-	50	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	34	5	10	81 82	Sum.
	W. K. Fletcher,* . . .	-	43	41	-	19	5	10	81 82	Win.

* High School.

